

Fire Island

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Fire Island National Seashore
Long Island, New York



Visitor Programs and Events—January & February 2018

Applications for 2018 Artist-in-Residence Program Accepted through February 16, 2018

Emerging and professional artists of all disciplines may apply for the AIR program, during which they live in the park while developing a body of work. Up to four residencies will be awarded through a juried application process based on artistic merit and project proposal.

For more information about the program visit www.nps.gov/fiis. To request a submission checklist and application, please email fiis_air@nps.gov

Wilderness Visitor Center

Call for reservations and information: 631-281-3010

Parking is available at Smith Point County Park.

New Year's Day

Beach to Breach Hike

Monday, January 1

10 am–1 pm

Reservation Required.

Celebrate the New Year on Fire Island. Discover the stark beauty of the winter beach during this invigorating 3-mile round-trip hike to the breach at Old Inlet. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand. Bring drinking water, a snack, and binoculars if you have them.

Pick it Up! Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, January 6 and

Saturday, February 3

10 am–12 pm

Join The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation and Fire Island National Seashore for this volunteer coastal cleanup – part of the Pick It Up initiative to eradicate debris from Long Island beaches. Learn about the sources of marine debris and the impact it has on marine life; document the trash collected to help inform ocean policy and ensure the future health of the marine ecosystem. Bring work gloves if possible.

For more information and to register, phone 631-369-9840 or email: education@riverheadfoundation.org

Wintertime Shelling on the Barrier Beach

Saturday, January 27

10 am–12 pm

The winter waves wash a diversity of seashells upon the shore. Start indoors with a park ranger to learn about these delicate and beautiful structures, and the marine animals that once lived inside them. Then, if weather permits, take a beachcombing stroll along the wilderness shore in search of these natural treasures. Dress for the outdoors and for walking on sand.



Winter Beach Botany Walk

Saturday, February 10

10 am–12 pm

We'll visit dune, swale and lee shore habitats during this winter walk, and explore barrier island plants along the way. Identifying plants in winter without their leaves and flowers can be challenging and fun, and a great way to experience the chilly season on Fire Island. Roundtrip walk 1 mile.

Winter Birding Basics for Kids

Sunday, February 18

11 am–12:30 pm

Children ages 8-12 are invited to learn the basics of bird watching with a park ranger. Learn how to use binoculars, and then bundle up to observe barrier beach birds in the wild. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Exploring the Dynamic Winter Beach

Saturday, February 24

10 am–1 pm

Explore the wind, waves, and sand with Coastal Geologist Ruth Coffey during this 3-mile roundtrip walk to the dynamic breach in the Fire Island Wilderness. Dress for the outdoors and for walking on sand. Bring a snack and drinking water.

SAVE THE DATE

Early Spring Birds

Along the Barrier Beach

Saturday, March 24

9 am–12 pm

Some birds are beginning to migrate north already while other winter residents still linger along the beach. During this early spring guided walk, visit barrier beach habitats to observe some of Fire Island's various bird species. Expect a variety of ducks, gulls, shorebirds, sparrows, and maybe a hawk or two. Bring binoculars. Roundtrip walk 3 miles.

Fire Island Lighthouse

Call for reservations and information: 631-661-4876
Parking is available at Field #5, Robert Moses State Park.

Tower Tours

Weekends, 11 am–3 pm
Weekdays, 10 am–3 pm
42" Height Requirement. Fee.
Call ahead for weekday availability.

New Year's Day Hike

Monday, January 1
10 am–11 am
Meet @ Robert Moses Field #5
Reservations Required.
Join the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society for a walk around the Seashore's western end on the first day of the New Year. Afterwards, climb the lighthouse tower at the regular fee.

Lighthouse Keepers Behind the Scenes Tour

Saturday, February 10
9 am–11:30 am
Reservations Required. Fee.
This bottom to top tour takes you from the auxiliary generator and Light Keeper's workshop in the basement of

the Keeper's Quarters to the beacon in the lantern room of the lighthouse tower. This program includes a tour of the Lens Building which houses the historic first order Fresnel lens.

Lighthouses are for Lovers

Saturday, February 10
4 pm–6 pm
Fresnel Lens Building
Reservations Required. Fee.
Enjoy the sunset with your "someone special." Climb the tower and savor "light" refreshments.

Celebrate Presidents Week at the Fire Island Lighthouse

Monday–Friday
February 19–February 23
Reduced Tower Tour Fees for Children under 12
Make the most of your "stay-cation" and explore the Fire Island Lighthouse with the family. Reduced Tower Tour fees for children under 12 years old (must be 42 inches to climb), and craft activities daily from 10 am – 3 pm. Also, be sure to visit the Fresnel Lens Building which houses the original First Order Fresnel Lens, and the Boat House where you can view maritime history displays.

William Floyd Estate

Call for reservations and information: 631-399-2030
Parking is available on site.

On the Way to the Bay

Saturday, February 3
9:30 am–11:30 am
This 3-mile ranger guided walk explores the natural and human history of the William Floyd Estate. Make your way from the Old Mastic House to Moriches Bay following roads well used by the Floyd family from the mid-1700's to the 1970's. Pass fields and woods, mounds and ditches, cultural plantings, fresh water creeks and salt marshes.

Great Backyard Bird Count at the William Floyd Estate

Saturday, February 17
(Rain/snow date: Sun., Feb. 18)
9 am–12 pm
During this annual citizen science birding walk, we'll observe, identify, count and document the variety of birds found on the grounds of the historic William Floyd Estate. It's a great opportunity to enjoy nature in winter, and contribute to science and bird conservation efforts. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. 3 miles round trip.

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities—Jan.–Feb. 2018

Park Headquarters in Patchogue: 631-687-4750
Open all year, Monday–Friday, 9 am–4 pm (Closed on federal holidays)

Fire Island Lighthouse: 631-661-4876
Weekends, 11 am–4 pm; Weekdays, 9:30 am–4 pm
***The Fire Island Lighthouse will be closed January 27–February 2 for restoration projects

Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Facilities
Closed until Spring 2018

Wilderness Visitor Center: 631-281-3010
Saturdays–Sundays and Holidays, 9 am–4 pm

William Floyd Estate: 631-399-2030
Closed until May 2018—but watch for special programs!

Patchogue/Watch Hill Ferry Terminal
Closed until Spring 2018—but watch for special programs!

Backcountry Camping
Reservations Required: visit www.recreation.gov
Access to east and west zones are only from areas west while the breach at Old Inlet is open. There is no access from the Wilderness Visitor Center at this time.



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